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REMARKS

By this Amendment the abstract has been amended to better comply with U.S. practice and claim 1 has been amended to better define the invention. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 6-11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hamparian et al.

This rejection is incorrect and certainly cannot be applied to claim 6 (or claims 7-11) as amended. In this regard, Hamparian et al. disclose a diesel engine cylinder head with two coolant chambers positioned above one another, an annular gap 39 between a sleeve of an injector tube 28 and an intermediate deck communicating between the two coolant chambers and enabling coolant flow therebetween. However, unlike the present invention, the annular gap is not separated from the vertical opening 27 in which the injector tube 28 extends by a defined minimum distance, in particular, separate by a portion of the cylinder head.

As such the examiner's rejection should be withdrawn.

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